Wildlife Management Area Upland Game Bird Permit

Hunting for pheasants on the nine Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) listed below requires a WMA Upland Game Bird Permit. Permit allows the take of six pheasants.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game releases pheasants at nine WMAs in southern Idaho. Any person 17 years old or older must have a valid WMA Upland Game Bird Permit in possession while hunting pheasants at the following WMAs:

WMA Location Code Fort Boise 01 Payette River 02 Montour 03 C.J. Strike 04 Sterling 05 Market Lake 06 Mud Lake 07 Cartier Slough 08 Niagara Springs 09 2

For hunting hours on WMAs, see page 18.

Permit Validation: When a pheasant is reduced to possession, the hunter must immediately:

- validate their permit by entering the harvest date and location in Non-Erasable ink,
- and remove a notch from the permit for each pheasant taken.

NOTE: All upland game bird/animal hunters are required to wear visible hunter orange (minimum size 36 square inches) above the waist during pheasant season when hunting on WMAs where pheasants are stocked. A hunter orange hat meets this requirement.

Area 1 No Seasons

Area 2

Market Lake and Mud Lake WMAs in Jefferson County, Cartier WMA in Madison County, and Sterling WMA in Bingham County.

Seasons

Area 3

Fort Boise WMA (including Gold Island) in Canyon County, C.J. Strike WMA in Owyhee County, birding Island segment of the Payette River WMA in Payette County, Montour WMA in Gem County and Niagara Springs WMA in Gooding County.

Seasons

Pheasant

Distribution and Habitat Use: Shaded area(s) show general distribution of this species. The ring-necked pheasant is widely distributed in agricultural areas. Important habitat needs are grassy areas or other dense nesting cover at least 18 inches high, permanent cover that provides protection from winter weather, and abundant water and food (especially grain). Pheasants are common in this type of habitat along the Snake River Plain from the Oregon border to central Idaho. They are present in lower densities in



Ring-necked Pheasant

agricultural habitats below 5,000 feet in eastern Idaho and below 4,000 feet in northern Idaho from Benewah County south to Whitebird